

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated March 15, 2007 (hereinafter Office Action) have been considered. Claims 1-12, 14, and 35-46 remain pending in the application.

The Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claims 47-56, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b)(1).

It is to be understood that the Applicant is not canceling claims 47-56 due to the outstanding rejections or referenced art. The Applicant notes that the rejections of claims 1-12, 14, and 35-46 rely on art different from that of the rejections of claims 47-56. As such, the cancellation of claims 35-46 streamlines the outstanding issues and places the case in better condition for appeal.

The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claims 47-56 in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

It is to be understood that the Applicant does not acquiesce to Examiner's characterization of the asserted art or the Applicant's claimed subject matter, nor of the Examiner's application of the asserted art or combinations thereof to the Applicant's claimed subject matter. Moreover, the Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's statements or conclusions concerning what would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, obvious design choices, common knowledge at the time of Applicants' invention, officially noticed facts, and the like. The Applicant reserves the right to address in detail the Examiner's characterizations, conclusions, and rejections in future prosecution.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (GUID.058PA) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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